years from 1989-90 under the World Bank Credit No. 1424 IN;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government's claim for reimbursement of project expenses for the eary 1989-90 is still pending with the Central Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government would ensure that the reimbursement claims are settled without any further delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Erosion of land by sea on the West Coast of Karnataka**

@@3257-B. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that erosion of land by sea is taking place on the West coast of Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the points at which this erosion is taking place; and

(c) what action is being taken to arrest the erosion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF WATER RECOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sea erosion posed a serious problem over long stretches of sea coast in Karnataka measuring about 73 kilometers, out of it 28.5 Kilometers is in Uttara Kannada District and 44 Kilometers in Dakshina Kannada District.

(c) In order to protect priority reaches the State Government submitted a proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 crores covering 7.685 Kilometers in Uttara Kannada and 4.80 Kilometers in Dakshina Kannada Districts. As reported, State Government has protected 2.00 Kilometers in Uttara Kannada and 4.17 Kilometres in Dakshina Kannada by incurring expenditure of Rs. 256.22 lakhs by the end of March, 1992. Out of this Rs. 93 lakhs was provided by the Centre as loan assistance during 1991-92.

**Survey of aged persons in the country**

@@@3257-C. DR. SANJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently carried out any survey of persons aged 60 years and above in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The National Sample Survey Organisation of Government of India in its 42nd Round (July 1986 to June 1987) conducted sample survey of the socio-economic profile of the aged persons above 60 years. The findings of the Sample Survey are available in the 49th issue of Sarvekshana (Oct.—Dec. 91).

(b) Some important findings are as follows :

1. The proportion of economically independent persons among the aged (60 years and above) was found to be around 29% in urban India as against 34% in rural India.

2. About 6% to 8% of the aged were found to be living alone and of them about 18% to 20% were willing to move to the home for the aged persons.

3. About 45% of the aged were found to be suffering from chronic diseases.

4. About 5% to 6% of aged were reported to be physically immobile.

5. Of the Aged, while about 41 percent was found to be usually working in rural area, the percentage of 'working' among the aged was 27% in urban India.

6. The percentage of aged widowed/divorced/separated males was about 24 in rural areas and about 20 in urban areas. The corresponding percentages for females and 65 and 69 respectively.

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